

Amendments To The Specification:

On page 1, please replace the TITLE, which reads “BALLOON CATHETER TIP DESIGN”, with the following:

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CATHETER DISTAL TIP

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On page 9, please replace the paragraph starting on line 22 with the following:

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The materials of the layers of the tie layer are dictated by the material of the elements which are to be bonded. The side of the tie layer which faces each element would be compatible therewith. The tie layer need only be one layer if the material of the one layer is compatible with both of the elements which are to be bonded. When ~~[[to]]~~ two compatible materials are bonded together thermally, they are covalently bonded, as apposed to being mechanically bond or molecularly entangled with one another. Such bonds of the invention have minimal delamination and resist peel. The bonds of the present invention substantially comprise covalent connections between the two materials being bonded. Two incompatible layers which are thermally bonded together do not form covalent bonds substantially over the surface area of the bonded area. Rather, entangled or mechanical bonds are formed, which aren't as strong as covalent bonds.

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